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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In an embodiment, the present compositions include organic anion buffer compositions. Organic anion buffer compositions can include organic anion at pH within 1 or 2 pH units, or within 1 or 3 pH units, of the pK_a of the organic anion and other conventional ingredients used in compositions for spotting molecules on substrates. Compositions employing the present organic anion as source of buffer capacity can also include anionic surfactant (e.g., sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS), N-lauroylsarcosine, and the like, or mixture thereof), nonionic surfactant (e.g., polyoxyethylenesorbitan monolaurate, such as Tween TWEEN 20), and the like, or mixtures thereof.--